Appointment of T.V. Correspondents

614. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan proposes to appoint T.V. correspondents from outside offering attractive terms and that there is growing resentment by the T.V. staff against the move ignoring their rights;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether before taking a decision to appoint T.V. correspondents from the open market Government have made any attempt to identify the talent from within the organisation for the posts; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above is in the negative, what are the reasons for opting to appoint T.V. correspondents from outside ignoring the claims of the eligible T.V. correspondents within the organisation who have put in years of service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has invited applications through advertisement for engaging artists purely on contract basis for specified number of posts, the details of which are as follows:—

S. No.	Category of Post/ Fee Scale	No. of Posts
1.	TV News Correspondent (Rs. 3000-4500)	20
2.	TV Assistant News Correspodence (Rs. 2200-4000)	30
3.	TV Assistant News Editor (Rs. 2200-4000/Rs. 2000-3500)	7

Representations against these recruitments have recently been received from the staff working in Doordarshan.

(c) and (d) The decision is based on the past experience as also requirements of TV news. The existing personnel of Doordarshan are free to apply in response to the advertisement. Their candidature will be considered alongwith others and they are entitled to age relaxation as per Government Rules.

Shortage of Court Fee Stamps

615. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the actute short supply of court fee stamps and the non-judicial stamp papers in the Delhi Courts for months together causing difficulty to the litigants and the lawyers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the acute short supply of court fee stamps and the non-judicial stamp papers in the Delhi Courts; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government to ensure regular and adequate supply in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Shortage of court fee stamps and non-judicial stamp paper was reported in Delhi recently. Special efforts were immediately made to rush supplies. Consignments containing 2.66 lakh sheets of court fee stamps and non-judicial stamp papers were airlifted to Delhi during May-June, 1987. Besides, special wagons containing 57.16 lakhs sheets of these papers were rushed to Delhi during the months of May/June, 1987 in order to mitigate the shortage. The situation has improved considerably.

(b) The private unit supplying watermarked paper for the printing of non-judicial stamps was locked

out in 1984 leading to short supply of paper to India Security Press, Nasik and the consequent shortage situation of non-judicial stamp papers in certain parts of the country.

(c) New Supplier of watermarked paper has been found. The production at the Nasik Press has been stepped up from 3.5 lakh pieces per day to 7.82 lakh pieces per day. Besides, the Security Printing Press, Hyderabad has also been directed to print non-judical stamp papers.

Flouting of Building Regulations in Cantonments

616. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that building regulations have been flouted in various Cantonments; and

(b) what does Government propose to do in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Cases of violation of building regulations in Cantonments have come to notice. Cantonment Boards have adequate powers under the Cantonment Act, 1924 to deal with such cases. Cases of serious violations which come to notice of Government are investigated to ascertain the magnitude of violation, to fix responsibility and to take remedial action.

BEFI kept out of Wage Talks

617. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item BEFI to be kept out of wage talks published in 'Business Standard' on 23rd June, 1987 and if so, whether it is a fact that BEFI is being kept out of the ensuing wage negotiations of the Bank employees by the IBA as because BEFI is dead against computerisation; and

(b) what are the criteria for calling the Bank employees' organisations for wage negotiation with IBA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Normally negotiations on service matters of the award staff are held between the Indian Banks' Association (IBA), which represents the management side, and the employees unions operating in the Banking Industry. It is learnt from IBA that they are not willing to invite for the present negotiations those unions, such as BEFI, which have refused to subscribe to the earlier settlements including those on computerisation and mechanisation.

Aid sought by India from U.S.A.

618. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of development aid sought by India from U.S.A. during 1986-87 and for 1987-88; and

(b) the quantum of such aid granted by U.S.A.; and how much of it and in what form it has been and is proposed to be given, indicating the conditions and terms appended to such aid?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) The Government of India does not make any request for a specific amount of aid from the US Government.

(b) US assistance is extended on the basis of their fiscal year which runs from October to September. Details of the US development assistance to India during the FY 1986 and so far during the year 1987 are as follows: